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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A white, biaxially oriented polyester film which has a base layer B which comprises a thermoplastic polyester and pigment and/or filler consisting essentially of titanium dioxide, wherein the R value of the film is smaller than 43 daN/mm^2 , the e_{max} ratio of the film is smaller than 2.5, and at least one of the two surfaces of the film has been provided with a crosslinked continuous coating comprising resin consisting essentially of an acrylate copolymer, said acrylate copolymer consisting essentially of acrylic monomer residue, methacrylic monomer residue and further containing a copolymerized self-condensing comonomer residue forming intermolecular crosslinks, wherein antiblocking agents are absent from said coating and the coated side(s) of said film exhibits a sliding coefficient of friction of less than 0.45.

2. (Previously Presented) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the R value of the film is smaller than 42 daN/mm^2 , and the e_{max} ratio of the film is smaller than 2.2.

3. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base layer B comprises at least 80% by weight of the thermoplastic polyester, based on the total weight of the layer.

4. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyester contains units of ethylene glycol and terephthalic acid, and/or units of ethylene glycol and naphthalene-2,6-dicarboxylic acid.

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5. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyester used in the base layer B comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

6. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, which is a single-layer film.

7. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, which has a symmetrical layer structure ABA or ACBCA, where C are the intermediate layers and A are the outer layers of the film.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein only the base layer B of the film has a white pigment or filler.

10. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, which comprises more than 3% by weight, of white pigment, based on the total weight of the layer in which it is present.

11. (Currently Amended) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~acrylate copolymer comprises polymerized acrylic monomer is an alkyl acrylate, the and/or methacrylic monomer[[s]] is an alkyl methacrylate and the copolymerizable comonomer[[s]] forming intermolecular crosslinks is selected from N-methylolacrylamide and N-methylolmethacrylamide.~~

12. (Previously Presented) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coating is applied in the form of an aqueous dispersion to one or both surfaces of the film.

13. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, whose overall thickness is from 10 to 120 μm .

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14. (Original) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, having a yellowness index smaller than 40.

15. (Original) A process for producing a polyester film as claimed in claim 1, encompassing the steps of

- a) producing a single- or multilayer film by extrusion or coextrusion and shaping the melts to give flat melt films,
- b) coating the film with an acrylate-containing coating,
- c) biaxial stretching of the film, and
- d) heat-setting of the stretched film.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 15, wherein the longitudinal stretching temperature is from 80 to 130 °C, the transverse stretching temperature is from 80 to 135 °C, the longitudinal stretching ratio is from 2.5 to 4.0, and the transverse stretching ratio is from 3.5 to 4.0.

18. (Original) A packaging film for foods and other consumable items formed from polyester film in accordance with claim 1.

19. (Original) Lidding film for cup-type containers formed from polyester film in accordance with claim 1.

20. (Previously Presented) A film according to Claim 1, said coating further comprising one or more surfactants.

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21. (Currently Amended) A white, biaxially oriented polyester film comprising a base layer B which comprises a thermoplastic polyester and pigment and/or filler consisting essentially of titanium dioxide, wherein the R value of the film is smaller than 43 daN/mm^2 , the e_{max} ratio of the film is smaller than 2.5, and at least one of the two surfaces of the film has been provided with a crosslinked coating comprising resin consisting essentially of an acrylate copolymer consisting essentially of comprising from about 35 to 68 mol % methylmethacrylate comonomer residue; an alkyl acrylate comonomer residue selected from ethyl acrylate or butyl acrylate and a residue of a self-condensing copolymerized comonomer forming intermolecular crosslinks selected from N-methylolacrylamide and N-methylolmethacrylamide, wherein the coated side(s) of said film exhibits a coefficient of sliding friction of less than 0.42 and antiblocking agents are absent from said coating.

22. (New) A white, biaxially oriented polyester film comprising a thermoplastic polyester and pigment and/or filler, wherein the R value of the film is smaller than 43 daN/mm^2 , the e_{max} ratio of the film is smaller than 2.5, and at least one of the two surfaces of the film has been provided with a crosslinked continuous coating consisting of

(i) an acrylate copolymer comprising acrylate comonomer residue, methacrylate comonomer residue and a copolymerized self-condensing comonomer residue forming intermolecular crosslinks,

(ii) optional wetting agents;

(iii) optional surfactants;

(iv) optional pH regulators;

(v) optional antioxidants; and

(vi) optional dyes;

wherein the coated side(s) of said film exhibits an average roughness of less than 50 nm and a sliding coefficient of friction of less than 0.45.